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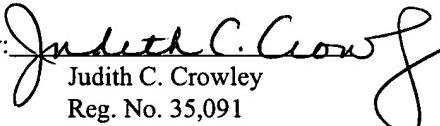
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RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated July 13, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.